(d) The Government is examining the feasibility of fomulating a comprehensive legislation for discouraging use of tobacco products.

Use of Professional Donors' Blood in Safdarjung Hospital

1025. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Safdarjung Hospital continues to use blood from professional donors, despite Supreme Court's judgement against the use of blood from professional donors;

(b) whether Government are aware of the nexus between the hospital's blood bank and certain contractors for arranging blood for the needy patients for a hefty price; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to check the corrupt practices in the hospital's blood bank, besides taking suitable administrative action against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The Blood Bank of Safdarjung Hospital does not collect blood from professional donors.

(b) No such information has been received.

(c) Question does not arise.

Population Control Policy

†1026. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take stringent measures to cope up with the grave situation of increasing population in the country at the earliest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any draft has been formulated in this regard; and

(d) if so, by when the formulated draft is likely to be declared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (d) The Government

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